

# Teen News

Merry Christmas! We are so glad you are here this morning. This is such a busy holiday, but it's so important to honor God and remember the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus on the first day of the week regardless of what goes on around us. Our caroling night was frigid, but it was still a wonderful time and the people we visited enjoyed it so much! Thanks to all who attended! We still have some holiday festivities planned for the next week. Tomorrow morning our youth group will be helping out at The Stockpot. We will get there around 8:00 and assist with anything our crew needs. On Tuesday we will head to Holiday in the Park at Six Flags. Tickets can be purchased online. Check out the GroupMe or youth Facebook page for a link. We will also have a youth group New Year's Eve party on Saturday night! We are looking forward to lots of fellowship and fun! DOUG

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." I John 4:9 NKJV

## Living in the World Now

There is no greater blessing than that of being God's child. As Christians, we are the recipients of the promise made to Abraham: "You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness" (Acts 3:25-26). We really cannot put into words that sense of gratitude we ought to have for what God has done for us. We are unworthy servants, yet God has blessed us in spirit of ourselves. We have been born again to a living hope (1 Pet 1:3-5), and that keeps our focus on eternal matters, knowing that we are heavenly citizens first (Phil 3:20-21). Adapted

## THOSE TO SERVE IN JANUARY 2023

### A.M. Opening

- 1 Kyle Lock
- 8 Jack Thomason
- 15 Ben Rhone
- 22 Charles Steen
- 28 Jerry Sturgess

### A.M. Closing

- Don Smith
- Roy Davis
- Clint Satterwhite
- Doug Sumrall
- Brandon Franklin

### P.M. Opening

- 1 Scott Roberson
- 8 R.D. Prince
- 15 Bill Hawkins
- 22 Henry Baker
- 28 Tom Watson

### P.M. Closing

- Marty Nash
- Bret Nash
- Jerame Gipson
- Cory Camp
- Steve Camp

## Serve Communion

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Scott Roberson | Clayton Collins |
| Jordan Holcomb | Larry Finley    |
| Robert Lopez   | Doug Rader      |
| Adam Krumnow   | David Akins     |

## Prepare Communion

### JANUARY

- 1 Donnie Wells
- 8 Mark & Kathy Wells
- 15 David & Lauri Akins
- 22 Jimmy & Jeannette Alford
- 28 Henry & Sonda Baker

January 1, 2023,

Door Greeters

Security Team

Communion Preparation

Donnie Wells

# Gospel Worker

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Doug Rader  
*Youth Minister*

### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Steve Camp  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince  
Doug Rader

### SECRETARIES

Chloe Collins  
Eva Walker

### MISSIONS

Brown Trail School of  
Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
Jose Cuadras—*Mexico*  
Hershel Bearden—*India*  
Steve Handley—*Prison Min.*  
Central TX Children's  
Home—*Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
GBN T.V. NETWORK  
GIVE ME THE BIBLE—  
T.V.  
FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX  
KTAL NBC Channel 6  
Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.  
KFXK FOX 51 Tyler  
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan—  
College Station, TX.  
FOX 29 KSVP Lake  
Charles, La  
ABC 10 KTEN Sherman-Tx  
KTXD—47 Dallas, Texas

Thanks for coming  
this morning to  
worship

## Responses to Adversity

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. The soldiers stripped them, beat them severely and placed their feet in stocks. Then the evangelists praised God. I confess that this is not the way I have always responded to adversity. Have you? They knew that the officials at Philippi had taken nothing necessary from them. They had lost their freedom. They were uncomfortable. They were separated from other loved ones. However, they still had their faith, hope and love in Christ and they expressed this as they prayed and sang. The prisoners were impressed with their faith in the midst of suffering and the jailor was impressed too. He and his family followed Jesus after they heard the suffering singers preach the gospel!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO  
ALL OF YOU. WE LOVE  
YOU.



*From Dan's desk:*

Reminder: there will be no evening worship tonight as we want to exercise caution against the rapidly spreading Covid variant. The weather is also not ideal to be driving in after dark. I had no idea that I would come down with Covid again. I appreciate Dwight teaching the adult class in the auditorium last Sunday morning. I know he did a good job and we appreciate his efforts. My thanks to Ben for preaching Sunday morning. Ben always steps in wherever needed. Thanks also goes to Marty Nash for preaching last Sunday evening, and I know he did a good job as well. It is wonderful to know that we have responsible people who can fill in at a minute's notice. I let all of them know on Saturday night. They went right to preparing lessons and everything went great. I am not the only one with Covid, as several have been ill with it again. There is a new variant going around and it is very contagious. For that reason we decided to move the devotional in the chapel on Wednesday night to the church auditorium so we won't be so closed up together. Please use caution. The year is coming to an end very rapidly and new challenges will be facing us in 2023. We are confident it will be a great year for our congregation. We sincerely hope and trust that your holidays will be bright and joyful. I will be back with you all today hopefully, if not, soon. Remember all of those who are sick. God bless you all. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Diane Wilcher is in a Tyler rehab for treatment**

**Gerald Wilcher is in Tyler hospital for treatment of congestive heart trouble. is seeing a vascular cardiologist.**

**Larry Baskin is still undergoing heart tests.**

**Donnie Wells had a lung biopsy and has cancer awaiting treatment.**

**James Singletery is still going through tests on his heart. He is home now**

**R.D. Prince, Carl Rutledge, Shirley Rutledge and Donnie Wells all have Covid and are recovering at home.**

**Prayer list are available in the foyer.**

### WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation.

### MIDWEEK SERVICE

**The Wednesday evening service will meet at the usual time this Weds. At 7 P.M. For a Devotional in the auditorium. Plan to attend.**

## **An Empty Cupboard**

Habakkuk 3:17- Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. 19 The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

When you think you are having a bad day...or a bad year...or a bad life, read Habakkuk. The prophet yearned for justice as he lived in the midst of evil. His trust in God grew as he grappled with the injustice and evil. He resolved to rejoice regardless of his circumstances. Let us join him in this resolve with the Lord as our strength!

Dear Father, we are so grateful for the joy and strength that we have in Christ regardless of our struggles. Forgive us for our lack of faith as we place ourselves fully in Your hands. Make us over-comers. Help those who are hurting. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Strength. Amen.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

**Remember Monday Night For The Master program will resume on Monday night Jan. 30th at 6:15 P.M. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be with us.**

**Dec. 25, 2022**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Gerald and Diane Wilcher both are in the hospital in Tyler for treatment and she is moving to rehab soon.**

**Linda Hawkins is seeing a vascular cardiologist.**

**Donnie Wells had lung cancer and awaiting surgery.**

**Joyce Matlock is improving at her home from recent hospitalization.**

**James Singleterry is still going through tests on his heart. He is home now.**

**Rick Giles is still ill with a serious sinus infection at his home.**

**Former members, Johnny and Carolyn have been having heart and neurological issues.**

**Martha Sims is also improving following recent surgery in Athens, Texas.**

**Nancy Miller continues to undergo heart tests and treatment.**

**Kenneth Whitley cousin of Mike Whitley has been seriously ill with cancer.**

**Rick Rhone, father of Ben Rhone, is improving following heart surgery, and is better.**

**Becky Barnes great grandson is awaiting treatment for cancer.**

**Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD and remains at home.**

**Jewel Jones, daughter of Mary Alice Largent, is in Chicago with health issues.**

**Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, was scheduled for cancer surgery but had to cancel due to other tests.**

**Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.**

**Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks, is having health issues and requests our prayers.**

**Deborah Hagemeyer has cancer and requests prayer.**

**Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional oral cancer treatment.**

**R.D. Prince, Carl Rutledge, Shirley Rutledge and Donnie Wells all currently have Covid.**

**Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.**

**Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Patsy Bush, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Lorelee Reeder, Irma Ray, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Charlie Young. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week.**

**When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. THE ELDERS**